

11. (Amended) A method for treating non-neuropathic pain comprising the step of:

a3 topically administering a transdermal patch containing a pharmaceutical composition consisting of 5% lidocaine as the only active ingredient, and the remainder consisting of inactive pharmaceutically acceptable materials.

Kindly cancel Claims 2, 4, 5 and 7 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please add the following new claim:

a4 12. (New) A method for treating non-neuropathic pain comprising topically administering a composition containing 4-6% lidocaine as the only active ingredient to a patient near a pain locus in an amount sufficient to produce analgesia without causing anesthesia.